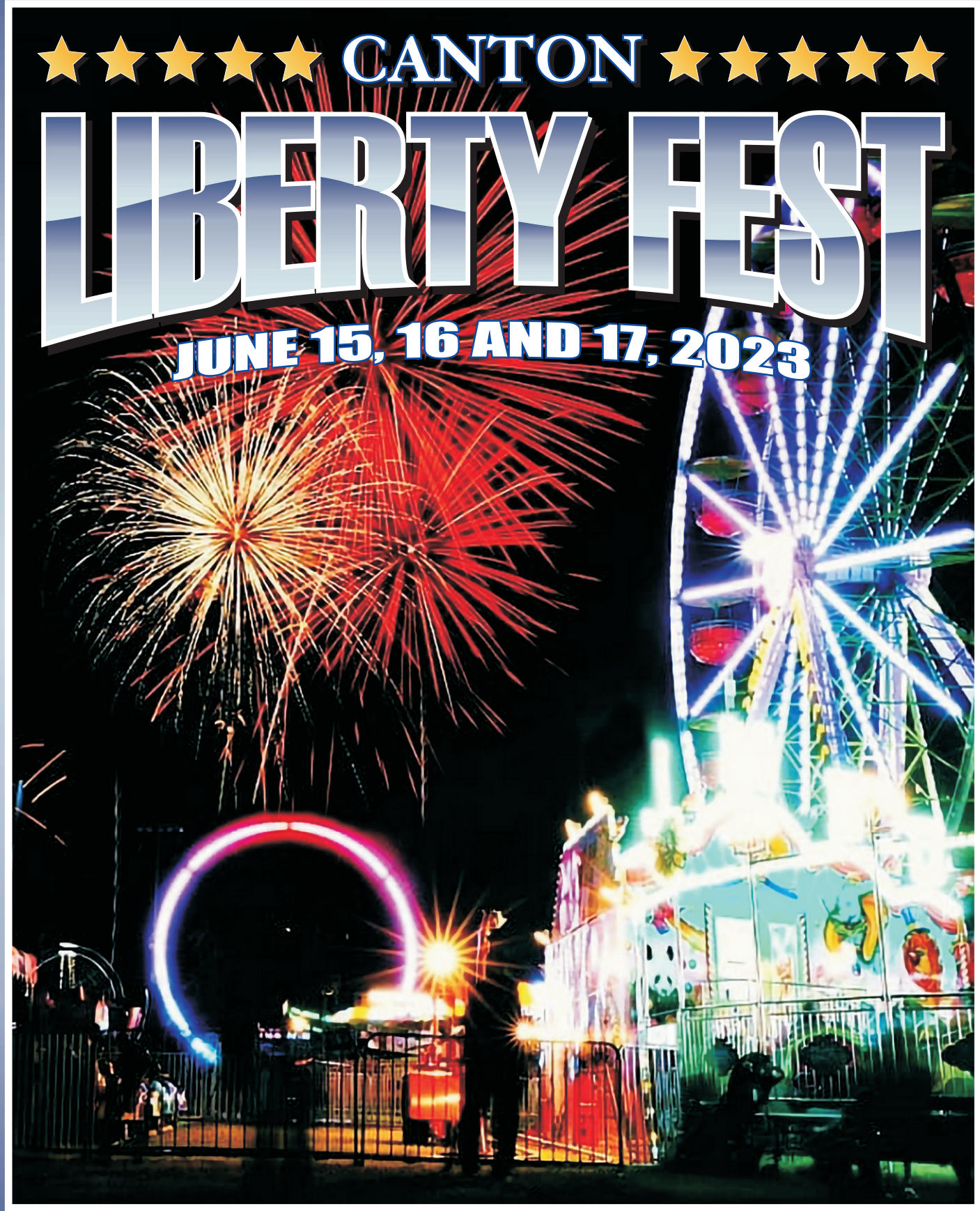

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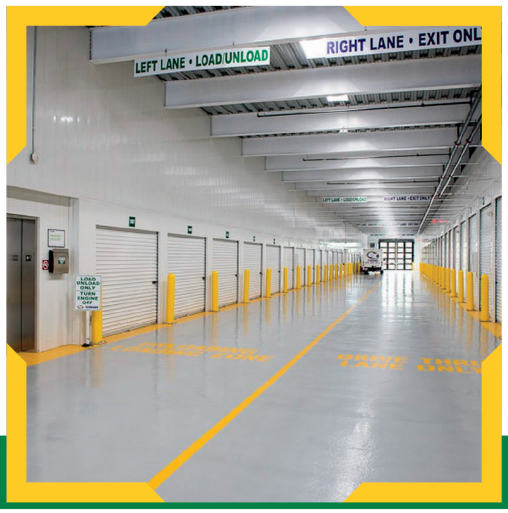

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This year Canton celebrates 30 years of Liberty Fest fun! With the exception of COVID years, our community welcomes friends and neighbors to Heritage Park every summer for a festival that is packed with great entertainment, delicious food, thrilling rides and catchy music. This year's Fest offers all of that and more!

New for this year is a Liberty Fest mobile app. Festival-goers will be able to access all things Liberty Fest-related, including: entertainment schedules with performer information, Carnival Zone news about amusement rides and Midway games, Liberty Run details, and festival food and drink specifics. Just scan this QR code to download:

I am proud to announce that on Thursday, June 15 from 1 - 3 p.m, carnival rides and Midway games, lights, and music will be turned off for festival-goers who are sensitive to large crowds and stimuli.

After that, the park will feature performances on the Canton LIVE stage and the amphitheater all weekend. While each show will be entertaining for all, I am especially looking forward to our second annual Juneteenth Celebration on Saturday, June 17, kicking off at 1 p.m. in the amphitheater.

The most memorable and popular Liberty Fest event is Friday night's spectacular fireworks show. The Canton sky will be set ablaze by one of the largest and best fireworks displays in Michigan. Tens of thousands of spectators will be awed as they watch this outstanding aerial show.

And, let's not forget about all of the festival food and drink options throughout the weekend. While favorites such as corn dogs, elephant ears, kettle corn and giant pretzels will available from multiple vendors, we also plan on having a variety of food trucks on site. The tentative line-up consists of Little Lou's Hot Chicken, Smokehouse BBQ, Truckin Waffles, Impasto and many more!

Of course, the Beer Garden will be available for refreshing adult beverages, and the Canton Lions Club will be offering their famous pancake breakfast in the north pavilion on Saturday from 8 - 11 am, featuring world-famous Chris Cakes flipping pancakes high onto plates for those brave enough to catch one. Kids will have a chance to meet a variety of fun characters such as Batman and Rapunzel from 9 - 11 a.m.

Also, I, along with many other Board members, will be volunteering all weekend and look forward to seeing you there. Make sure you say hello!

Thank you, Canton, for making Liberty Fest a community highlight for the past 30 years. Here's looking forward to 30 more!

Anne Marie Graham-Hudak
Canton Supervisor

THURSDAY EVENTS

THURSDAY, JUNE 15
Thursday begins the weekend of fun with live entertainment at the Heritage Park Amphitheater and on the Canton Live Stage and includes Zumba Party in the Park and the opening of the carnival and midway area.

EVENT LOCATION:
Heritage Park
1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, Michigan 48188

EVENT TIME:
1 – 10 p.m.

SKERBECK CARNIVAL ($):
Purchase tickets or wristbands to enjoy Carnival rides all weekend long. For more information visit the Carnival Zone.

- **1-3 p.m.:** Sensory Friendly Carnival Time. Join the carnival for a quieter start to the festival. Everyone is invited but the event is specifically designed for families and children with Autism and sensory issues. The sensory friendly hours provide an opportunity to enjoy our festival and the carnival in a more comfortable, sensory – friendly setting.
- **1 p.m. – Dusk:** Petting Farm with chickens, donkeys, goats, plus even a bird encounter and more.
- **1 p.m. – Dusk:** Lego Tent – Check out this amazing Lego Build that includes real moving LEGOs.
- **1 p.m. – Dusk:** Scholastic Book Fair Tent ($) – Stop in and shop to begin some

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- **1–6 p.m:** Kidsight By Canton Lions Club – This free nation–wide program brings Lions Clubs across the country together to ensure children receive eye screenings and follow–up care when needed. A simple and quick on–site eye exam can help screen child vision trouble.
- **All day:** KultureCity Sensory– Friendly tents will be available on the north and south side of Heritage Park to provide a safe space for those with sensory issues in which to rest. In addition, these will also serve as changing or feeding tents, with furniture sponsored by IKEA.
- **4 – 10 p.m.:** Liberty Fest Beer Garden ($): Enjoy a frosty cold one under the tent while enjoying the entertainment from the Amphitheater.
- **9 – 10 p.m.:** Canton LIVE! Stage – Zumba Party in the Park – Music and instructors will be on hand. Free to attend.

THURSDAY LIVE ENTERTAINMENT:

Amphitheater Stage: located on the south end of the park.

- **6 – 7:30 p.m.:** Lookin' Back – Michigan's #1 Bob Seger Tribute Band
- **8 – 9:30 p.m.:** Hotel Bodhisattva – Yacht Rock: Eagles and beyond, featuring members of the Motown Eagles and Major Dudes

Canton LIVE Stage: located at the north end of the park.

- **5 – 6:30 p.m.:** Merge Band – Top hits from the '50s through today
- **7 – 8:30 p.m.**: Sonic Freeway – All of your favorite high energy covers of songs for dancing, clapping and singing along
- **9 – 10 p.m.:** Zumba Party in the Park

The Liberty Fest Beer Garden will be open near the Amphitheater Stage. Guests 21+ can enjoy a variety of adult beverages while listening to performances in this designated area.

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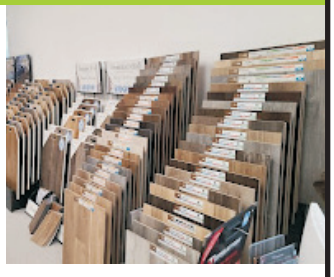

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FRIDAY EVENTS

FRIDAY, JUNE 16
Friday is a great day for families and features the start of the Marketplace, two stages of entertainment, Fireworks at Dusk, and much more.

EVENT LOCATION:
Heritage Park
1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, Michigan 48188

EVENT TIME:
1 – 11 p.m.

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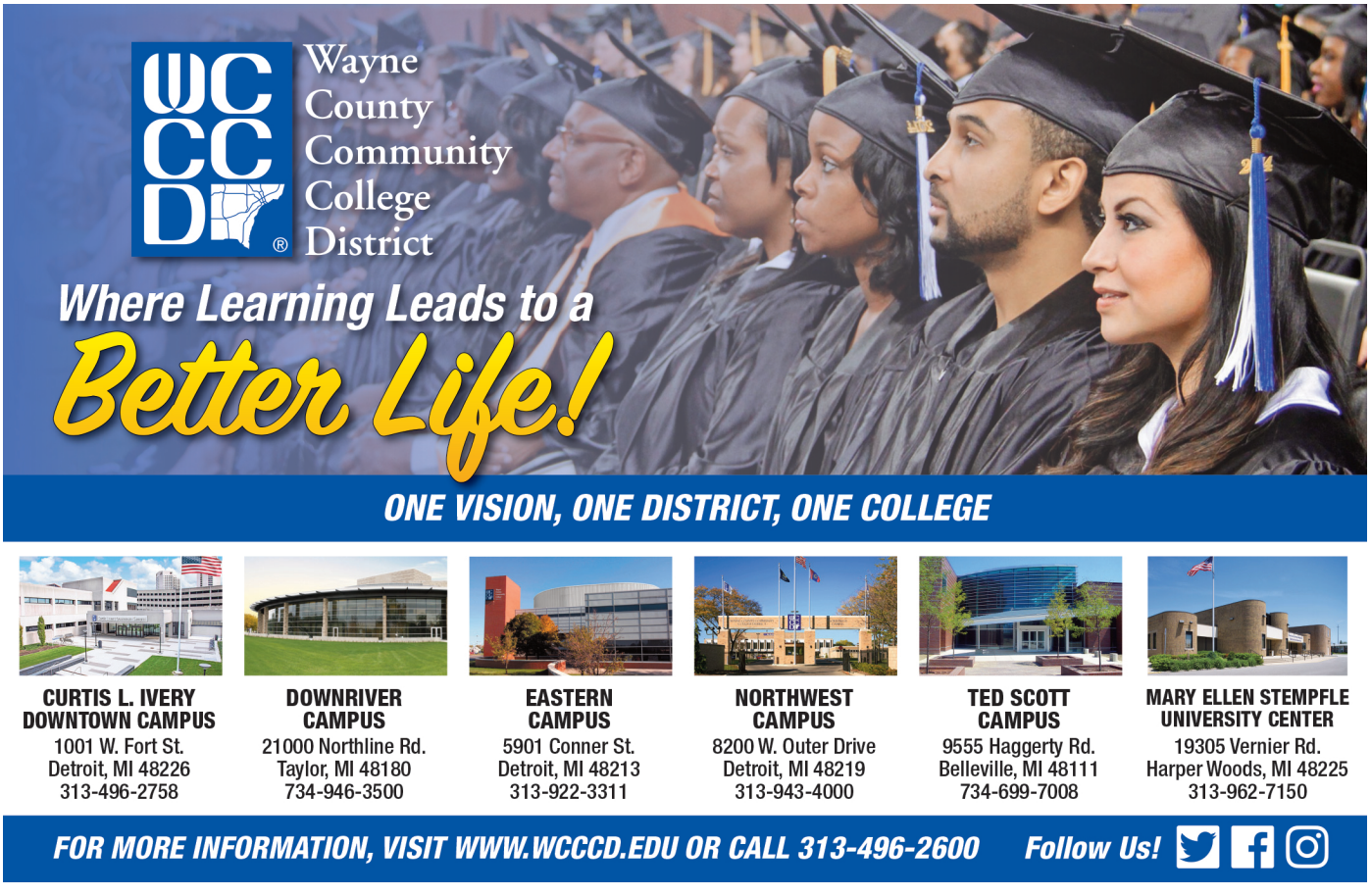

safe space for those with sensory issues in which to rest. In addition, these will also serve as changing or feeding tents, with furniture sponsored by IKEA.

- **4 p.m. – Dusk:** Market Place Shopping ($) Take a stroll around the pond and shop your way through vendors from near and far.
- **4 – 10 p.m.:** Liberty Fest Beer Garden ($): Enjoy a frosty cold one under the tent while enjoying the entertainment from the Amphitheater.
- **5 – 8 p.m.:** Canton Club 55+ will host a Treasure Sale near the Liberty Fest Marketplace in Heritage Park. Come and browse this wide selection of gently–used items such as: home decor, puzzles, books, accessories, etc. All proceeds will benefit Canton Club 55+ programs and services.
- **DUSK:** Canton Liberty Fest Firework Show!

Amphitheater Stage: located on the south end of the park.

- **6 – 7:30 p.m.:** Atomic Radio – Top of the charts '80s favorites
- **8:30 – 10 p.m.:** Power of Love – One of the greatest Huey Lewis & the News tribute bands
- At Dusk Canton Liberty Fest Firework Show

Canton LIVE! Stage: located on the north end of the park

- **2–5 p.m.:** School of Rock – Showcasing local talent from School of Rock Students
- **6 – 7:30 p.m.:** Bugs Beddow & The Good Stuff – The best of Rock & Soul from the last five decades
- **8 – 10 p.m.:** Bernadette Kathryn & the Lonely Days Band – Detroit's country rebel performing Nashville sounds inspired by Motor City Rock
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SATURDAY EVENTS

SATURDAY, JUNE 17
Saturday will be busy at Liberty Fest, as the park will be packed from sunup till well after sundown. The day will begin with the Liberty Run 5K/10K and pancake breakfast. Then things will continue to build up throughout the day with the International Fest, live performance, and carnival.

EVENT LOCATION:
Heritage Park
1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, Michigan 48188

EVENT TIME:
10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

SKERBECK CARNIVAL ($):
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- **8 – 11 a.m.** or until sold out: Canton Lions Club Pancake Breakfast ($) will continue its annual tradition with Chris Cakes flippin' pancakes. In addition, Rapunzel, Batman, and DJ Zaneta will be on–site for visits with the little ones from 9 –11 a.m. at the North Pavilions.
- **9 a.m. – 5 p.m.:** Canton Club 55+ will host a Treasure Sale near the Liberty Fest Marketplace in Heritage Park. Come and browse this wide selection of gently–used items such as: home decor, puzzles, books, accessories, etc. All proceeds will benefit Canton Club 55+ programs and services.
- **10 a.m. – Dusk:** Market Place Shopping ($) Take a stroll around the pond and shop your way through vendors from near and far.
- **10 a.m. – 10 p.m.:** Liberty Fest Beer Garden ($): Enjoy a frosty cold one under the tent while enjoying the entertainment from the Amphitheater.
- **10 a.m. – 4 p.m.:** Canton Club 55+ will host a Treasure Sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. near the Liberty Fest Marketplace in Heritage Park. For those who aren't familiar with this type of sale, it's when participants bring in their beloved treasures they no longer need anymore and then people at the sale are able to find new treasures to take home and love. Proceeds from this sale will benefit Senior Services, with a portion also donated to a local food bank.

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- **11:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.:** International Festival (Canton LIVE Stage)
- **Noon – 8 p.m.** D&M Art Tent (Free) – Bring your creative energy and create your own piece of art with D&M Art Studio
- **All day:** KultureCity Sensory–Friendly tents will be available on the north and south side of Heritage Park to provide a safe space for those with sensory issues in which to rest. In addition, these will also serve as changing or feeding tents, with furniture sponsored by IKEA.
- **All day:** Good to Glow tent ($) will have light–up products to meet all your glow item needs available for purchase.
- **6 p.m.** and **8 p.m.:** The Motor City Hypnotist will perform two dynamic hypnosis shows that are fun for all ages on the Canton LIVE Stage in the north end of the park.

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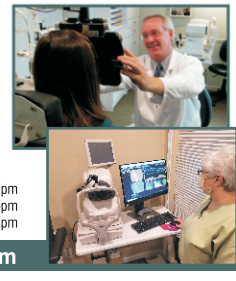

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SATURDAY LIVE ENTERTAINMENT:
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- **1 – 10 p.m.:** Juneteenth Celebration in partnership with Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated–Ypsilanti Chapter
- **1 – 2:30 p.m.:** Kids Korner – featuring African Bead and Flag Craft, and Reading Corner
- **1 – 6 p.m.:** Black History 101 Mobile Museum
- **2:30 – 3 p.m.:** 2.5 Block Walk
- **3 – 4 p.m.:** Stage program begins featuring: Welcome from Canton Township Supervisor Anne Marie Graham–Hudak, Mistress of Ceremonies Pamela Osborn from WDIV, Black National Anthem, Reading of the Emancipation Proclamation, African Drummers and more.
- **4 – 5 p.m.:** Gospel Performance
- **5:30 – 7 p.m.:** Stan Barnes and Friends Band
- **7 – 8 p.m.:** Learn How to Hustle demonstration
- **8 – 10 p.m.:** C3 and the Third Generation Band

Canton LIVE! Stage: located on the north end of the park

- **11:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.:** International Festival
- **6 – 7:30 p.m.** and **8 – 9:30 p.m.:** The Motor City Hypnotist Show

ADDITIONAL PERFORMANCES:

- Visit Rapunzel, Batman and DJ Zaneta at the Pancake Breakfast from 9 11a.m. in the North Pavilions.

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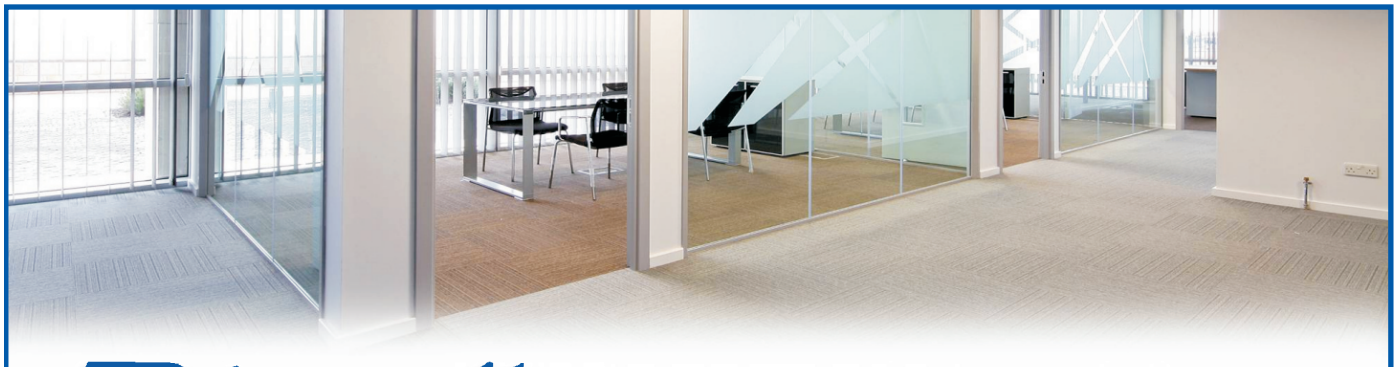

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International Festival

Saturday, June 17
11:30 a.m. - 3:40 p.m.
Location: Heritage Park-Canton LIVE! Stage
1150 Canton Center Road South

The Canton Liberty Fest will once again host an International Stage in 2023. Festival goers are encouraged to check out a wide range of multicultural-based entertainment representing countries across the globe, including China, India, Italy, Spain, Mexico, Ireland, Poland, Sri Lanka, and the United States.

This is a great opportunity for the many diverse cultural groups in Canton and the metro Detroit area to share their heritage and traditions through music and dance. The colorful costumes, exotic instruments, amazing vocalists, and talented dancers performing beautiful choreography will transport visitors around the world.

CANTON LIVE! STAGE IS LOCATED ON THE NORTH END OF THE PARK

Performance Schedule:

11:30 – Noon:	Ensemble Hanabi
Noon – 12:15 p.m.	Inner Action Dance
12:15 – 12:20 p.m.	Meher Basu – Bollywood Song
12:20 – 12:25 p.m.	Heart Melody Group
12:25 – 12:40 p.m.	Ebony Copper – Native American Flautist & Guitarist
12:40 – 12:55 p.m.	Ann Arbor Jade Dance Studio
12:55 – 1:15 p.m.	Hoaloha Polynesian Dance Group
1:15 – 1:25 p.m.	Qing Qing Guzheng
1:25 – 1:45 p.m.	Sakura Japanese Instrumental Group
1:45 – 1:55 p.m.	DS2dios – Indian Youth Dance Group
1:55 – 2:05 p.m.	AnnHua Clivia Dance Team & Canton Yiren Dance Team
2:05 – 2:15 p.m.	Michigan New Century Chinese School – Yo–yo & Children's Choir
2:15 – 2:35 p.m.	Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan
2:35 – 2:40 p.m.	AnnHua Waist Drum Team

2:40 – 2:50 p.m.	Aria Tian & SYZ Starlight Dance Group
2:50 – 3 p.m.	Indian Dance – Vinee Soundar
3 – 3:05 p.m.	Westland Dance Group: Yong Zi Dance Group
3:05 – 3:10 p.m.	AnnHua Music Ensemble
3:10 – 3:15 p.m.	Aadyam School of Dance – Indian Contemporary
3:15 – 3:30 p.m.	Taiji Stream
3:30 – 3:40 p.m.	Indian Bollywood – Parul Shah

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This month, the purple block includes the area along Ford Road between Canton Center Road and Sheldon Road; July includes the green block along Ford Road between Sheldon Road and Morton Taylor Road.

In August, the red block along Ford Road between Morton Taylor Road and Lilley Road will be the contest area and in September, the blue block on Ford Road between Lilley and Haggerty will be the featured game location. In October, the game will include Ford Road between Haggerty Road and Lotz Road. In October the orange block drawing will be from merchants along Ford Road east of Lotz Road.

The grand prize drawing will take place in November.

Organizers said participating merchant specials for the yellow block are now available on the ShopCanton Guide mobile app. Contest details are available at ShopCanton.org and on Facebook @ShopCanton.

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